

**"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION****OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT  
PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS  
K Division – 2022/02/17 19:00****COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION****SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION**

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Sitreps and other RCMP information appear in **BLUE**

**BACKGROUND**

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. Using social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; the intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

**KEY FINDINGS**

- Some protesters have stayed in the LPZ (Lawful Protest Zone) in Milk River. **Personal Info.** started a Facebook live stream at 18:23 where he showed where the camp is and filmed some of the protesters who are still there. He advised that he has been told that there will be lots of people coming down this weekend, and said there is enough room for thousands of people to camp. **Personal** said he wanted to get the word out that people are still there, as a lot of people think everyone left.
- OSINT has not shown any direct plans for new convoys to return to the Hwy 4 corridor. A post from an account claiming to be at the LPZ stated today that "lots more are coming down." Information received from a business owner in Milk River suggests that there are people planning on attending the protest this weekend.
- A SIT REP submitted by EAD indicates that there has been an increase in guns and ammunition purchased from the Neerlandia Co-Op and that people may be carrying hand guns, however the intent is not to take action against police or the government. The population of Neerlandia is strongly represented among the participants in the Barrhead convoys.
- In the wake of Coutts/Milk River protesters planning to leave the border, some supporters are discussing the possibility of travelling to Ottawa to protest, not as a convoy, but as individuals. It

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is assessed as unlikely that they will take action on these plans. [Personal] has posted that he is looking to raise funds for him and his daughter to travel to Ottawa.

- The “Throne Speech Convoy” to the Alberta Legislature, at 12:00 on 2022/02/22, appears to be gaining traction. It has now been shared on multiple Facebook pages and groups. One group that regularly plans protests urged people “Bring your families, friends and children. Plan your own convoy.” *There is a convoy being organized to attend from the Fort McMurray area.*
- A new event has been created on Facebook for convoys are being called to attend the Alberta Legislative Building, on 2022/02/19. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky. *Participants are expected from Calgary, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin, and the Leduc area.*
- Sentiment towards the RCMP from protest supporters on social media is generally negative, with many commenters expressing a belief that the RCMP has been deceitful and has committed illegal acts during the Coutts/Milk River protests. There have been comments and post on social media that the find of guns in Coutts were a plant and that people were framed.
- There are new events planned in Fairview and Lac La Biche on 2022/02/19 that are slow rolls through the communities. [Personal] plans to be at the event in Fairview on 2022/02/19. *There is also a rally planned in Fort McMurray on 2022/02/19.* On 2022/02/20, there is a weekly recurring rally in Spruce Grove.
- Rumors of a potential “bank run” have been circulating for the past couple of days, and increased today when several big Canadian banks had a “service outage” for several hours, preventing people from accessing their accounts or withdrawing funds.
- *There is at least one individual organizing a supply run from Onoway to Milk River on 2022/02/19.*
- There are upcoming events planned in K Division affecting areas including:
  - Any community willing to send a convoy to Edmonton
  - Red Deer
  - Okotoks
  - Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo
  - Ponoka
  - Wetaskiwin
  - Barrhead
  - Sherwood Park
  - Leduc
  - Parkland
  - Lac La Biche
  - Fairview





### Fort McMurray – Convoy to Ottawa

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/15 to 18               | <b>Time:</b> 07:00 – 21:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b>                    |                            |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Wood Buffalo |                            |

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” for a convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 18. The organizers appear to be **Personal Info.** The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa. To date, 27 people have responded to the event. **Personal Info.** posted a comment regarding the fundraiser for a Supply Convoy to Ottawa, stating that \$3,500 has been raised thus far. Organizers of the convoy are listed as: **Personal Info.** As of 2022-02-14, 28 people have responded to the Facebook event; 7 people said they are “Going” and 21 said they were “Interested”. A post by **Personal Info.** to “Winnipeg supporters for the convoy to Ottawa 2022” indicates that this convoy will consist of 60 or more truck and will stop at Costco’s along the route for supplies. A video posted from Saskatoon at around 08:00 CST 2022/02/16 shows the Fort McMurray convoy leaving for Winnipeg in around 10 minutes. The video also shows people gathering around a bus with an open door appearing to be part of the convoy. The Fort McMurray Convoy is in Winnipeg as of 2022/02/17 and heading for Thunder Bay. **No further OSINT update.**

### Convoy to Edmonton

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                                           | <b>Time:</b> 10:30 Convoy and 12:00 march and rally |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Alberta Legislature Building                             |                                                     |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Leduc, Sherwood Park, Parkland, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin |                                                     |

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA” for convoys to go to the Alberta Legislature Building. Start up locations are currently listed as Sherwood Park Flying J, Nisku Black Jacks and Acheson Flying J/Husky. The event page states that the full location details will be announced soon. **The Ponoka Convoy is being integrated into this event. A convoy group from Calgary will be meeting and staging at the Flying J in Nisku, while those from the Edmonton area or Ponoka will meet at the Black Jack’s parking lot. Personal Info. has also posted to “Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA” to invite those unable to participate in the convoy to show support from overpasses around Edmonton.**

**Posts from Personal Info. on the event “Alberta Convoy February 19, 2022” indicate that there will be a counterprotest from “The NDP group ran by Personal Info. Pers. claims to have spoken to police**



and to have a plan for when the group tries to shut them down. **Personal Info** spoke with the media following previous counterprotests in Edmonton. An event associated to the counterprotest was not located.

**Personal Info.** posted to the group "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" indicating that there will also be convoy groups meeting at the Ponoka Co-op Cardlock at 09:30, the Wetaskiwin Co-Op Cardlock at 10:00 and the Nisku Co-Op Cardlock at 10:30.

#### Red Deer Recurring Freedom Rally

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                               | <b>Time:</b> 12:30; Convoy at 14:30 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> 19th Street and Gaetz Avenue |                                     |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Red Deer City          |                                     |

This event recurs every Saturday. It is unknown what route the convoy plans to take, however judging by the pictures of last week's event it appears to be heading of town. **No OSINT update.**

#### Ponoka Convoy to Edmonton

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                                    | <b>Time:</b> Meet at 08:00, roll out around 10:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Behind the Ponoka Tim Hortons on Highway 2A       |                                                   |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> All detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton |                                                   |

The organizer advised the Ponoka RCMP detachment that he expects about 250-300 people, larger than usual because the protesters have left Coutts. He will attend Tim Hortons at 08:00 but expects most other people to start arriving around 08:30. The organizer advised that as per the RCMP's request he has asked people to "dial down the horn blowing." In the group "Alberta Convoy February 19, 2022", **Personal** posted indicating that some of the Ponoka Convoy would be meeting with the larger Convoy to Edmonton group at the Black Jack's in Nisku.

#### Lac La Biche Convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                | <b>Time:</b> 10:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> UFA Card Lock in Lac La Biche |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Lac La Biche            |                    |

A Facebook event has been created in the group "Alberta Convoy North" for a slow roll and barbeque in





Lac La Biche. The event page asks "Do we roll this Saturday in LLb" and to comment below. As of 2020/02/17, still only has 1 as confirmed going and 7 interested.

#### Fort McMurray Freedom Rally

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                   | <b>Time:</b> 13:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Fort McMurray Courthouse         |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Fort McMurray/Wood Buffalo |                    |

A Facebook event has been created in the group "Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray" for a 2 hour rally, with 13 respondents "going" and 12 "interested"

#### Slow Roll in Fairview

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                                                                                        | <b>Time:</b> 11:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Starting at Dunvegan Motor Inn in Fairview                                                            |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Fairview, Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Peace River, Spirit River, Fort. St. John, Dawson Creek. |                    |

An event is planned in Fairview on 2022/02/19 with **Personal** attending. The slow roll meeting place is at the Dunvegan Motor Inn, with a fundraiser for families at 10119 110 Street at 12:00 and to end at 13:00 at 10110 110 Street. **No OSINT update.**

**Personal Info.** is the organizer of this convoy. She contacted the Fairview RCMP detachment to advise that she thinks that this protest will be larger then she had originally planned and that groups of vehicles will travel from Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Spirit River, Peace River, Fort. St. John and Dawson Creek. They will all meet up in Fairview in the parking lot of Gregg's and the Dunvegan Motor Inn. **Personal** advised that they will keep a lane open for emergency vehicles and have four people in safety vests to monitor the protesters and make sure they don't do anything unsafe.

#### Barrhead Freedom Convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                                           | <b>Time:</b> 09:30 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Likely the service road adjacent to Barrhead Splash Park |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Barrhead                                           |                    |

Event organizer **Personal Info.** has advised RCMP that another convoy will travel from Barrhead to Acheson. Information was received by Barrhead Detachment regarding the public mood in the Neerlandia area. Information indicated that there has been an increase in guns and ammunition purchased from the



Neerlandia Co-Op and that people may be carrying hand guns, however the intent is not to take action against police or the government. The population of Neerlandia is strongly represented among the participants in the Barrhead convoys. The "Barrhead Freedom Convoy 2022" group has been made private.

#### Charter Bus to Ottawa

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/19                                                                                 | <b>Time:</b> Unknown |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina              |                      |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Highway 2 from Red Deer to Calgary, TransCanada Highway east of Calgary. |                      |

**Personal Info.** posted to the Facebook group "ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA" that her husband is attempting to fill a charter bus to Ottawa. Information has not been posted about the location or timing. UPDATE: The event is postponed to 2022/02/19, due to lack of response. A post has requested confirmation of attendance by 2022/02/16. **Person** has been asking people to private message her when they requested more information, so unknown how many people are planning on going. No OSINT update.

#### Okotoks Recurring Anti-Mandates and Masks protest

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/20                           | <b>Time:</b> 13:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> 50 McRae Street, Okotoks |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Okotoks            |                    |

The "Foothills Children's Protest" occurs every Sunday at the Olde Towne Plaza (50 McRae Street, Okotoks), with varying levels of attendance. The event usually has a guest speaker. On 2022/02/20, it will be **Personal Info.** from the group "Free to Play." The protest will focus on restrictions affecting children. No OSINT update.

#### Spruce Grove Rally

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/20 – Recurring on Sundays      | <b>Time:</b> 13:00 |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Central Park. Spruce Grove |                    |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Spruce Grove         |                    |

Word Campfire Initiative is hosting the recurring rally on Sundays till the mandates are over. It is supposed to be a peaceful gathering with speakers and performances. No OSINT update.





### Throne Speech Convoy

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/22                                                                | <b>Time:</b> Various, but arrive in Edmonton by 11:00 for the 13:00 throne speech |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> Alberta Legislature Building, Edmonton                        |                                                                                   |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Unknown, calling for convoys from everywhere in Alberta |                                                                                   |

The Facebook group "Rally 4 Resources" is promoting a convoy to the Alberta Legislature building to protest the Throne Speech on 2022/02/22. The group does not appear to be organizing the event themselves; however, they are urging others to organize their own convoys. Currently, it is unknown if an event is planned; however, participation could potentially be substantial in light of protesters leaving Courtts and negative sentiment regarding PM Trudeau invoking the *Emergency Measures Act*. This event will continue to be monitored over the next week and further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. Posters for this convoy have been shared to other groups. The individual posting to other groups is often **Personal Info.** A newer version of the post states that groups and Albertans should meet out MLAs and staffers as they walk to assembly and to honk, honk, honk during the 13:00 throne speech. Foothills Freedom Rally, which organizes protests in Okotoks every Sunday, has shared a new version of the event poster which encourages people to plan their own convoys and attend the legislature.

The page "Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray" has created an event for a convoy from Fort McMurray to attend the throne speech, with three guests "going" and six "interested". The group will depart the Tim Hortons at Mackenzie Boulevard and Highway 63 at 06:00 on 2022/02/22.

### Protest from Home

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| <b>Date:</b> 2022/02/21-2022/02/28                                                      | <b>Time:</b> None |
| <b>Meeting location:</b> None                                                           |                   |
| <b>Detachment(s) affected:</b> Unknown, calling for walk outs from everywhere in Canada |                   |

Posts previously began on trucker's Facebook pages, but have recently been gaining a little traction and have been asking everyone to join. The posts state to "Shut it Down" and "Protest from Home." On post states "Call in sick, hurt your ankle, use vacation time or just use the magic virus."



### Other Information

In response to the Trudeau invoking the War Measures Act, some protest supporters have been urging each other and the Coutts/Milk River protesters to remove their money from the banks, in the apparent belief that the federal government may access their bank accounts to seize funds. Some have been telling people to move their funds to credit unions as these are provincially regulated and not under federal control. On 2022/02/16 **Personal Info.** organizer of many of the Edmonton convoys, posted, "You can't tell me RBC branches across Canada are out is a coincidence right now...cards being declined, accounts being suspended." Several people commented that they have been unable to get cash out of their bank accounts, and others said that they were able to get access to their accounts but had some difficulty in doing so. Apparently some banks did experience an outage but stated that it was a maintenance issue and that their services are back online. It is unclear whether or not these outages were actually in response to people calling for a run on the banks, in an effort to prevent it, or if it was unrelated.

Post on Facebook states that protesters will go home and rest for a few days and start up a new location at a Milk River field. **Personal Info.** posted a video showing the field where protesters should go. As of 17:00 all blockades had been cleared and a small contingent of remaining protesters peacefully moved to an agreed upon site.

The **Personal Info.** posted an announcement that they are returning to Alberta. They have posted a tentative schedule for the first portion of their journey on 2022/02/15, ending the day in Sault Ste. Marie.

A post on Facebook from the morning of 2022/02/17 stated that there were approximately 60 people in the LPZ and also stated "lots more are coming down." **Personal Info.** posted to "Alberta Freedom Convoys United CA" that **Personal Info.** will be collecting donations for Milk River and heading there from Onoway at 04:00 on Saturday, 2022/02/19. It is not clear if this is an event or a single person travelling alone.

On 2022/02/17, **Personal Info.** posted a Facebook live video indicating that his plans with **Personal Info.** and **Personal Info.** are not yet clear, but that they intend to post together on 2022/02/18 with more information.

### General Commentary

Commentary regarding the RCMP continues to be mostly negative, with many people believing that the guns seized in relation to the Coutts blockade were either planted, or belonged to individuals not associated with the protests. With the release of the names of those arrested, there have been comments that none of them participated in the protests, however other individuals responded with videos that showed at least some of them attending. No posts advocating for violence against members of the RCMP or RCMP property have been located in any of the groups that are monitored, however not every





comment and post could be checked.

In general, comments support continued protest and action, but there is no consistent message regarding what that action should be outside of continued convoys to the Alberta Legislature and existing reoccurring events in some communities. Some individuals remain in Milk River, and there are calls for more to join in the legal protest zone.

## LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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